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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

w **Winter wheat** production was forecast at 1.65 billion bushels, down 3 percent from 1999. Hard Red Winter wheat production was down 7 percent, Soft Red Winter wheat was down 2 percent while White Winter wheat was up 19 percent. Area for grain harvest was forecast at 34.7 million acres, down 2 percent from 1999. If realized this would be the smallest winter wheat area since 1971. Above normal temperatures in the Corn Belt and Great Plains stimulated crop development in April. Soil moisture has been poor in most of Texas and eastern Oklahoma and up the central portion of the Nation into Minnesota. Dry conditions in Texas have led to a abnormally high abandonment.

w **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, 0.3 less than last year's record high. If realized this would be the second highest yield on record. Record yields were forecast in Ohio and North Carolina.

w **Kansas**, the number one wheat state, was expecting 404.8 million bushels, down 6 percent from 1999.

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Winter wheat production by farmers in 2000 was forecast

at 23.7 million bushels. The expected crop for 2000 was down 4 percent from last year's crop of 24.6 million bushels and would be the smallest winter wheat crop in 3 years. Based on current conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 55 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last year's record yield of 60 bushels. Farmers seeded 670,000 acres of winter wheat in the fall of 1999 and intend to harvest 430,000 acres for grain this year. This was up 20,000 acres from a year ago. This will leave 240,000 acres for other uses such as cover crop for tobacco acreage as well as hay and silage harvest.

A relatively mild winter was beneficial for Kentucky's winter wheat crop. It came through the winter in good to excellent condition. Early optimism has been tempered by cool temperatures that hampered soil warm up and wheat growth. Farmers were starting to report disease and potential disease problems. Recent warm sunny days have been beneficial for wheat growth and development and for limiting disease pressure. As of April 30, 48 percent of the wheat was headed or heading. This was ahead of last year with 41 percent and the 5 year average of 33 percent. Condition of the crop was mostly good to fair. As of May 7, 78 percent of the crop had headed or was heading.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2000

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1999	Ind. 2000	1999	Ind. 2000	1998	1999	Ind. 2000
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,400	2,350	43.0	42.0	99,450	103,200	98,700
Illinois	1,010	910	60.0	55.0	57,600	60,600	50,050
Indiana	510	510	66.0	62.0	35,750	33,660	31,620
Kansas	9,200	9,200	47.0	44.0	494,900	432,400	404,800
KENTUCKY	410	430	60.0	55.0	24,750	24,600	23,650
Missouri	920	920	48.0	48.0	57,500	44,160	44,160
Montana	970	1,430	38.0	36.0	48,750	36,860	51,480
Nebraska	1,800	1,750	48.0	43.0	82,800	86,400	75,250
Ohio	1,030	1,005	70.0	72.0	74,240	72,100	72,360
Oklahoma	4,300	4,100	35.0	38.0	198,900	150,500	155,800
Oregon	630	740	47.0	64.0	52,930	29,610	47,360
Tennessee	340	380	54.0	50.0	15,170	18,360	19,000
Texas	3,400	2,200	36.0	32.0	136,500	122,400	70,400
Washington	1,670	1,750	58.0	67.0	136,500	96,860	117,250
U.S.	35,572	34,709	47.8	47.5	1,880,733	1,699,989	1,648,805

FINAL 1999 TOBACCO

BURLEY: The final **Kentucky** burley tobacco production for 1999 was estimated at 380.1 million pounds, down 9 percent from the 416.0 million pounds of 1998. The smaller crop resulted from both a decrease in harvested acreage and lower yield. This was the smallest crop in 3 years. The final production estimate reflects marketings adjusted for carryover but does not include unharvested or destroyed poundage. Carryover for the 1999 crop at over 9 million pounds was up from last year’s 4 million pounds. Harvested acreage at 210,000 acres was down 5,000 acres from 1998. The smaller acreage resulted from a reduction in effective quota. Yield at 1,810 pounds was down 125 pounds from 1998. This was the lowest yield in 16 years. Growing conditions at setting time were nearly ideal but as the summer progressed soils turned dry in July and remained dry through September. Much of the tobacco marketed was light in color and poor in quality. Forty two percent of the crop marketed was purchased by the Burley Cooperative pool compared to 12 percent a year earlier. Total value of the Kentucky Burley crop was \$722.2 million, down 9 percent from the 1998 crop. The average price received per pound was 190.0 cents, down .3 cents.

Burley production for the **8-State Burley Belt** totaled 555.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from 1998. Kentucky produced 68 percent of the Belt’s 1999 production. Acreage harvested at 303,600 acres was down 3,500 acres from a year earlier. Yield at 1,829 pounds was down 67 pounds from last year. Acreage price per pound was 189.9 cents, down .4 cents from a year earlier.

DARK TOBACCO: Production of dark fired **Kentucky** tobacco was down from 1998 while dark air production was up. Type 22 fire-cured production at 8.81 million pounds was down 1 percent from 1998 and the smallest crop in 6 years. Production of fire-cured Type 23 at 9.21 million pounds was down 9 percent from 1998 and the smallest crop in 7 years. One sucker, Type 35 air cured production increased 21 percent from the previous year at 6.76 million pounds. This was the largest crop in 14 years. Type 36 air cured, Green River, production was up 20 percent at 3.62 million pounds and the largest crop in 5 years. Tobacco companies increased dark tobacco purchases directly from farmers.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND,
BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

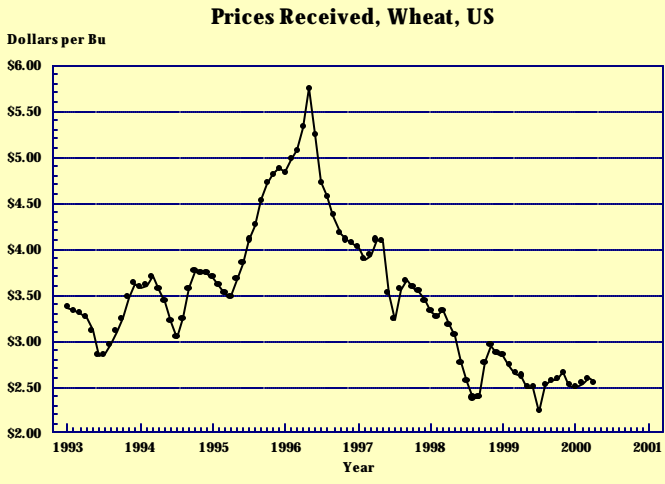
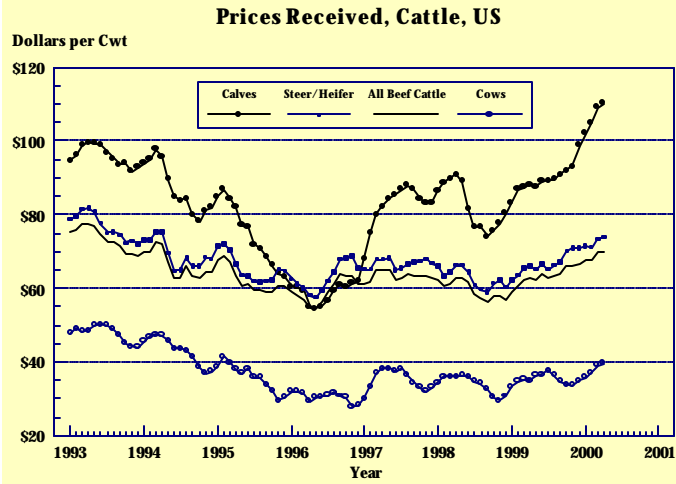
Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	Rec'd by Farmers	
							1998	1999
(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Cents)		
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	215,000	210,000	1,935	1,810	416,025	380,100	190.3	190.0
Indiana	8,500	6,500	2,000	1,800	17,000	11,700	189.7	189.0
Missouri	2,700	2,300	2,130	2,000	5,751	4,600	190.5	187.9
N. Carolina	8,100	7,800	1,450	1,600	11,745	12,480	189.9	190.9
Ohio	9,800	9,800	1,830	1,740	17,934	17,052	190.4	191.2
Tennessee	51,000	55,000	1,795	1,890	91,545	103,950	190.7	189.4
Virginia	10,400	10,600	1,940	2,180	20,176	23,108	189.2	189.6
W. Virginia	1,600	1,600	1,350	1,350	2,160	2,160	191.5	190.0
U.S.	307,100	303,600	1,896	1,829	582,336	555,150	190.3	189.9
FIRE CURED, TYPE 22								
KENTUCKY	3,850	3,750	2,315	2,350	8,913	8,813	225.9	231.2
Tennessee	7,300	7,000	2,330	2,280	17,009	15,960	225.1	231.4
U.S.	11,150	10,750	2,325	2,304	25,922	24,773	225.4	231.3
FIRE CURED, TYPE 23								
KENTUCKY	3,600	3,500	2,805	2,630	10,098	9,205	215.9	226.0
Tennessee	590	570	2,500	2,500	1,475	1,425	215.9	227.1
U.S.	4,190	4,070	2,762	2,612	11,573	10,630	215.9	226.1
ONE SUCKER, TYPE 35								
KENTUCKY	2,450	2,850	2,280	2,370	5,586	6,755	195.2	206.6
Tennessee	525	600	2,040	2,110	1,071	1,266	191.3	205.6
U.S.	2,975	3,450	2,238	2,325	6,657	8,021	194.6	206.4
GREEN RIVER, TYPE 36								
KENTUCKY	1,360	1,550	2,210	2,335	3,006	3,619	197.4	198.2
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	226,260	221,650	1,961	1,843	443,628	408,492	191.7	192.0
U.S.	717,605	647,160	2,062	1,997	1,479,867	1,292,657	182.8	182.8

1999 POULTRY - PRODUCTION & VALUE, KENTUCKY & U.S.

ITEM	KENTUCKY		1999	UNITED STATES		1999
	1998	1999	% of 1998	1998	1999	% of 1998
BROILERS						
Numbers Produced (000)	172,000	188,800	110	7,934,280	8,146,010	103
Pounds Produced (000)	842,800	981,800	117	38,553,600	40,829,800	106
Live Weight Equiv. \$/lb.	0.395	0.370	94	0.393	0.371	94
Value of Production (000)	332,906	363,266	109	15,144,551	15,128,840	100
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	863	922	107	79,754	82,711	104
Price Per Dozen (dollars)	0.725	0.785	108	0.668	0.627	94
Value of Production (000)	52,140	60,314	116	4,439,446	4,322,589	97
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	1,787	2,172	121	193,768	204,620	106
Pounds Sold (000)	11,258	13,249	118	934,568	973,407	104
Price per Pound (dollars)	0.113	0.100	89	0.081	0.070	86
Value of Sales (000 dollars)	1,272	1,325	104	75,542	67,724	90

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type		March 1999	March 2000	Mar. 00 % of Mar. 99
Egg Production				
Eggs Produced	(Million)	7,052	7,220	102
Average Layers	(000)	322,758	330,826	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers		2,185	2,182	100
Egg Type Hatchery				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	37,250	33,172	89
Chicks Hatched	(000)	41,172	39,560	96
Broiler Type Hatchery				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	628,727	632,782	101
Chicks Hatched	(000)	755,804	756,351	100



ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 1999 totaled 1.28 billion pounds, 9.2 percent above 1998. California accounted for 26.9 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 22.8 percent and Washington with 9.3 percent.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 7.94 billion pounds, 6.0 percent above the 1998 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 27.1 percent of the production. American type cheese production, was 3.58 billion pounds, 7.9 percent above 1998 and accounted for 45.0 percent of total cheese in 1999. Italian varieties, with 3.14 billion pounds were 4.6 percent above 1998 production. Mozzarella accounted for 80.2 percent of the Italian production followed by Ricotta with 8.0 percent and Provolone with 7.1 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 27.5 percent of the production.

Ice cream production increased slightly in 1999. Regular ice cream production totaled 954 million gallons, up 2.0 percent from 1998. Lowfat ice cream, at 394 million gallons, was down 3.2 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.38 billion pounds, was up 21.4 percent from 1998. Dry whole milk, at 118 million pounds, was down 17.2 percent.

Kentucky plants produced 16.1 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 1999, down 17 percent from 1998. Lowfat cottage cheese production totaled 9.0 million pounds, down 1 percent from 1998. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 19.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year. Nineteen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 1999. Totals for most dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2000

PRODUCT	Mar. 1999	Feb. 2000 <u>1/</u>	Mar. 2000	Percent of Mar. Feb. 1999 2000	
(000) Pounds			Percent		
BUTTER	125,357	130,259	124,290	99	95
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	317,731	302,331	317,456	100	105
Mozzarella	221,945	204,909	227,890	103	111
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	157,770	138,327	170,058	108	123
Total	697,446	645,567	715,404	103	111
(000) Gallons			Percent		
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	77,201	67,755	80,802	105	119
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	9,325	6,851	8,495	91	124
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	42,572	37,931	45,652	107	120
Yogurt Mix	5,721	4,030	4,997	87	124

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/ Includes Swiss, cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

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